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COPY OF AMENDED CLAIMS SHOWING CHANGES BEING MADE THERETO  
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1. (Amended) A rescue device comprising:

a floatation material;

a flexible mesh disposed entirely about said floatation material, said flexible mesh being in contact with an outer surface of said floatation material; and

5 a bonding material covering the flexible mesh and the floatation material.

21. (Amended) A [floatation] floatation device comprising:

a floatation material;

a flexible mesh disposed entirely about said floatation material, said flexible mesh being in contact with an outer surface of said floatation material; and

5 a bonding material covering the flexible mesh and the floatation material.

22. (New) A rescue device comprising:

a floatation material;

a flexible mesh disposed about said floatation material, said flexible mesh being in contact with an outer surface of said floatation material;

5                   a bonding material covering the flexible mesh and the  
floatation material; and

10                   a tow line having first and second ends and a length,  
the first end of the tow line being coupled to one end of the  
rescue device, and the flexible mesh being secured to the tow  
line.

23. (New) A rescue device comprising:

                  a floatation material;

                  a flexible mesh disposed about said floatation  
material, said flexible mesh being in contact with an outer  
surface of said floatation material;

5                   a bonding material covering the flexible mesh and the  
floatation material;

                  a tow line having first and second ends and a length, the  
first end of the tow line being coupled to one end of the rescue  
device; and

10                   a securement device to retain the tow line in a  
compressed state.

24. (New) The rescue device according to claim 23, wherein  
the securement device comprises a strap.

25. (New) The rescue device according to claim 24, wherein the strap fastens upon itself by one of hook and loop fasteners, snap and button.

26. (New) The rescue device according to claim 23, wherein the securement device is coupled to the tow line.